GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4830
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MOVEMENT BY HINDUS OF SINDH PROVINCE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindus of Sindh province in Pakistan have launched a movement against incidents of abductions of persons of their community;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the Government of Pakistan; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government of Pakistan?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(b) The Pakistani press has been carrying reports of violence including kidnapping against citizens of Pakistan belonging to minority groups, including Hindus. However, no movement by Hindus in the Sindh province has come to the notice of Government.

(c)-(e) These reports have not been part of bilateral talks between India and Pakistan.